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CHICAGO HAS MOST MYSTERIOUS CASE IN MANY YEARS

Woman Found Unconscious in Prominent Hotel

TIED TO BATH TUB

Was Once Arrested for Stealing Fifty Dollars Worth of Lace From Employer

SUSPICION IT MAY BEEN PLOT

Police and Detectives Are Working to Unravel the Matter and Claim Girl's Story Does Not Tally With Circumstances.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—One of the most mysterious cases with which the Chicago police have had to deal in many years developed today in the Wellington Hotel, a standard downtown hostelry when the unconscious form of Miss Ella Gingles was found lashed to the supports of a bathtub. Whether she was the victim of the plot as she incoherently alleged in her few conscious moments or chose means intending suicide to retaliate upon a woman whom she believed to be her enemy, formed a mystery which the police have set about to solve. When a chambermaid reached the house the bathroom on the fourth floor she found the door locked from the inside with a bolt. Later a house carpenter removed the transom and crawled into the room which was dimly lighted by a candle that was burning nearly out. Upon the floor he found Miss Gingles clothed only in a nightgown. The bathtub was half filled with bloody water and the sink was in the same condition. On attempting to move her the carpenter found her hands tied with light binding cord and fastened to the legs at the head of the tub. The second cord was

drawn tightly about her knees and held that portion of her body to the lower legs in the tub, her face showed cuts and bruises and it was later determined that she had been maltreated. She was also apparently suffering from laudanum poisoning. A towel was tied tightly under the girl's jaws and a wet cloth was stuffed into her mouth.

Her clothes, and even a little brown fur trimmed hat, were found in a corner of the room. When restoratives were administered Miss Gingles recovered only sufficiently to babble hysterically. "Don't let her come nearer; don't let her make me drink any more it will kill me." The words "cab" and "pepper" occurred in her talk. Later in the day at the hospital she recovered consciousness for a few minutes. She told the detective who was at her bedside, a strange tale of having been attacked near her home last night by a man and woman. One of them struck her and the other threw pepper in her eyes. She was then hustled into a cab which apparently had been waiting. She knew no more she said until she regained consciousness at 10 o'clock last night in a strange room.

She recognized the apartment as belonging to the Wellington Hotel and wrote a note to her friend, Miss Mary Joyce. She threw it over the transom, she added with a pencil note asking "Some bell boy" to message. The letter ran, "Mary will be killed at the Wellington Hotel; come quick. Ella."

It was this note which was sent to the police on her trail today. It reached Miss Joyce this morning in the office where she was employed as stenographer to H. H. O'Donnell, attorney for Miss Gingles. At the hotel the detectives found no person registered there as "Ella Gingles." When her senseless form was found later the police were notified. No one saw the woman enter the hotel and the night elevator man was positive he did not take her up and no bell boy was found who picked up the letters. The manager of the hotel says the woman's story and postmarked letter inconsistent.

The postmark shows it was received at the postoffice at 9 p. m. and must have been mailed in a box at the hotel not later than 7:30, an hour and a half before the girl says she

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APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The naval bill carrying a total appropriation of about \$136,000,000 was passed by the senate today after being under consideration for three days. The bill was changed by the restoration of the house provision for two battleships of 26,000 tons displacement to cost \$6,000,000 each. An ineffectual attempt was made to defeat the amendment for restoring the marine corps to battleships and cruisers which was placed in the measure while the senate was proceeding in committee of the whole.

SUPERVISOR COFFEY IS CONVICTED OF GRAFT

JURY FINDS HIM GUILTY OF GRAFTING \$4000 WHILE SUPERVISOR

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Former Supervisor M. W. Coffey, accused of accepting a bribe of \$4000 to vote for a trolley franchise for the United Railroads, was found guilty today. The case went to the jury at 11:34 this forenoon. It reported back almost at once.

Arguments having been completed late yesterday afternoon, the jury was charged by Judge Dunne upon the opening of court today. He cautioned the jurors not to be guided in their deliberations by newspaper reports or testimony given under an immunity contract. A conviction cannot be had on the testimony of an accomplice, unless it is corroborated by other evidence, said the judge, but a mutual agreement made with the District Attorney might be considered. All testimony given under the immunity contract, however, should be thoroughly investigated. The fact that the defendant had not testified in his own behalf should not be considered in arriving at a verdict. If the jurors found that Coffey had received a bribe of \$4000 from either James L. Gallagher, Abraham Ruef or Tiley L. Ford, they should bring in a verdict of guilty. If they found that Gallagher or any other witness was an accomplice in the alleged crime, the testimony of such witness should not be taken into consideration.

Three ballots were taken by the jury, two of which stood 11 for conviction and one for acquittal. On the third ballot all voted "guilty." Superior Judge Dunne fixed Saturday, February 27, as the date for pronouncing sentence, which, under the penal code may be from one to fourteen years in the state penitentiary.

SENSATIONAL INCIDENTS IN TUCKER TRIAL

COLONEL IS GREATLY MOVED BY INGRATITUDE OF HIS SON

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Dramatic incidents followed in rapid succession in the hearing before the army firing board today of the case of Colonel W. F. Tucker, former paymaster of the Department of the Lakes who seeks to be honorably retired. As a climax, when the hearing was concluded, Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, wife of the colonel, filed suit for separate maintenance on grounds of intemperance. Arrayed against him were his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. John A. Logan, and his son, who seek to have him retired without compensation. Of what her testimony consisted of was not disclosed as the session was secret, but she had not been long on the stand when it was reported in the corridors that she had fainted. Colonel Tucker was greatly moved by what took place, especially at the apparent ingratitude of his son, Captain Tucker, with whom the colonel stated he had shared the little he had when on half pay.

MESSAGE SENT BY PRESIDENT

Refuting Attacks Made on Panama Canal

LOCK CANAL IS BEST

Only Criticism of Work is Too Much Caution Has Been Exercised in Construction

PROVIDING AGAINST TROUBLE

Engineers Who Made Report Between Lock and Sea-Level Type of Canal Are Best Men of Their Profession in or out of United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Any attack made hereafter on the lock type of the Panama Canal, according to the opinion expressed by President Roosevelt in a message transmitting to Congress today the report made by the engineers who recently visited the canal zone with President-elect Taft, "is in reality merely an attack upon the policy of building any canal at all." The report, in Mr. Roosevelt's opinion, shows in clearest fashion that the Congress was wise in the position it took and that it would be inexcusable folly to change from the proposed lock canal to a sea-level canal. "I commend to you," he says to Congress, "the most careful consideration of the report. They show that the only criticism that can be made of the work on the isthmus is that there has sometimes been an almost excess of caution in providing against possible trouble. As to the Gatun dam itself they show that not only is the dam safe, but that on the whole the plan already adopted would make it unnecessarily high and strong and accordingly they recommend that the height be reduced by 20 feet, which change in the plans I have accordingly directed."

President Roosevelt says that the engineers who made the report, "are of all the men in their profession within or without the United States, the men who are on the whole best qualified to pass upon these very questions, which they examined."

The engineers report that as the Gatun earth dam was the central point of discussion they gave it under instructions from Mr. Taft, "First consideration in the light of all evidence," and they add that "The type of dam now under consideration is one which meets with our unanimous approval."

They say they are "Satisfied that there will be no dangerous or objectionable seepage through the materials under the base of the dam; nor are they so soft as to be liable to be pushed aside by the weight of the proposed dam so as to cause dangerous settlement. We are also satisfied that the material available and which it is proposed to use are suitable and can readily be placed to form a tight, stable and permanent dam."

THROUGH FREIGHT SERVICE, North Bank Line Begins Through Eastern Shipments.

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 17.—The first through freight trains between Cheyenne and Pasco are now arriving and departing on regular service on the North Bank will be established within the next week. Local officials announce that through passenger trains between Spokane and Portland will be in service by March 2, and that the roadbed will be in condition to permit the trains to run on schedule time. It is the general belief that the time between the two cities will be reduced to 11 hours.

Reports to the effect that all trains will go through Pasco without change come from an unreliable source and it is the opinion of road men that Pasco will remain a division point for both roads. The amount of freight tonnage over the S. P. & S. is increasing daily and will probably result in the removal of one of the switch engines now employed in the night service in the Northern Pacific yards.

WILL OPEN APRIL 12.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The season of the American baseball league will open April 12, according to the original schedule made public today.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—John Bozovich one of three Servians who shot and killed Marshal Harry Miller at Kent last April, was convicted of manslaughter with recommendation from the jury of mercy. Bozovich, unlike his companions, showed that he was unarmed. One of his companions is under sentence of death and the other has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

FLEET NEARS HOME.

ON BOARD FLAGSHIP CONNECTICUT, Feb. 17.—Position of the Atlantic fleet at 8 o'clock tonight: latitude 34°27' north, longitude 57°57' west, 962 miles east of Cape Henry. Weather good; fleet proceeding in formation of line squadron.

WATER WAGON NOW BUSY IN SPOKANE

EFFECT OF "BILLY" SUNDAY'S REVIVAL HAS HAD EFFECT IN THE SALOONS.

SPOKANE, Feb. 17.—The effect of the recent evangelistic meetings held here by "Billy" Sunday and his corps of workers has surprised even the most optimistic of the church workers in this city, and they all agree that "the devil and his cohorts have been dealt a body blow." Every one of the churches has gained in membership, in many of the organizations hundreds having come in to swell the membership rolls. But this is not the greatest result thus far chronicled. One of the local breweries has acknowledged that the output of the institution has been decreased considerably, and saloonmen and bartenders all over the city speak of a noticeable decrease in the amount of liquor consumed, the number of men quitting the use of strong drink being placed at many hundreds, while those who are tapering off gradually being in numbers still greater. The saloon forces have received a body blow from which they will not soon recover, and they are alarmed as to the result in the City of Spokane, should the local option bill pass in the Legislature at Olympia, fearing that Spokane would be swept dry from end to end if the matter is ever put up to the voters for a decision.

A prominent local liquor dealer, who is said to have been present at every meeting held by Rev. W. A. Sunday here for the six weeks during which the evangelistic services continued, has displayed back of his

WAR BREWING BETWEEN OREGON HOUSE AND SENATE

bars and near the cash registers large placards warning the man on the water wagon to not become a backslider, not to buy the whisky, which is only on sale, he says, "to make money for me, and I really do not need your money, so you had better keep it."

WARRANT ISSUED FOR ARREST OF PULTZER

PUBLISHERS OF NEW YORK WORLD MUST ANSWER IN THE FEDERAL COURT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Bench warrants were issued today for the arrest of Joseph Pulitzer, Caleb M. Vanham and Robert H. Lyman of New York, proprietors and editors of the New York World and for Delavan Smith and C. R. Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News, for criminal libel in connection with the publication of charges of irregularities in the purchase by the United States of the Panama Canal. Indictments were returned today by the federal grand jury sitting in this city. Copies of the bench warrants and certified copies of the indictments were placed in the hands of the United States marshal here and he will proceed in accordance with the directions of District Attorney Baker.

Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Elihu Root, J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles P. Taft, Douglas Robinson and W. Nelson Cromwell are named in the indictments as persons vilified. Copies of the indictment were served on the Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, by service on Otto Carmichael, its local representative. Certified copies will be filed with the United States Commissioner Shields in New York who will issue warrants for the arrest of the defendants of that city and who will be brought before him to show cause why they should not be extradited to this jurisdiction for trial. In the event that the commissioner decides in favor of extraditing them, they may appeal to the federal courts for writs of habeas corpus. These could be carried to the United States Supreme Court, and if the defendants pursue the course outlined above, it will probably be a year before they can be brought here for trial.

Second Time House Rebels Against Senate

BAD FAITH IS SHOWN

Senate Refuses to Entertain Any Bills Passed by House After 3 O'clock Tuesday

PERCONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Resolution Proposing Constitutional Amendment Permitting the State to Engage in Railroad Building Has Poor Show.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—For the second time this session the house and senate are at loggerheads and for the second time the house is in rebellion against the senate. Concurrent resolution passed by both houses declared that neither house should send any bills to other body after 3 o'clock Tuesday. Yesterday afternoon the senate obeyed the resolution to the letter, the house while figuratively obeying, actually kept a flood of bills pouring into the senate until midnight. This was accomplished through polite fiction of stopping the hands of the house clock at 2:55 p. m. Today the senate refused to entertain any bills received after three o'clock and the house notified the upper chamber that no senate bills would be considered until the senate backed down from its stand and agreed to accept all bills sent to it up to midnight Tuesday. A move in the way of compromise is pending in the senate. This is a motion to entertain bills received up to 11:30 last night. Four minor measures passed the senate today. Unless the senate recedes from its stand it has only half a dozen house bills which have passed third reading and ten or so house bills in committee to dispose of before Saturday when the legislature has agreed to adjourn. The house resolution proposing constitutional amendment permitting the state to engage in

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LOCAL OPTION BILL FAILS TO PASS

Washington Senate Has Long Struggle With Many Dramatic Settings and End is Not Yet

OLYMPIA, Feb. 17.—Maintaining one of the most persistent deadlocks ever witnessed in the Washington legislature, opponents and friends of Falconer, McMaster or the Anti-Saloon League local option bill paraded in nearly a score of roll calls on amendments today each of which was defeated by a tie vote of 21 to 21.

The bill on final passage in identical form in which it was introduced into the senate, was defeated late this afternoon by a vote of 22 to 20. One of the members, Rosenhaupt of Spokane, who supported the amendments refused to vote for it because the amendments had not carried. Every amendment proposed came from friends of the bill who were willing to make concessions in order to secure its adoption. Opposition is pledged to the support of the Nichols bill which will be taken up and voted on tomorrow. It is planned to amend that bill so that all cities which are excluded from local option in it, will become separate units.

It is claimed that thus amended the Nichols bill can be passed.

Friends of Falconer-McMaster's bill offered concessions which were about the same as unit proposed by Nichols' bill when it is amended. But opponents of the Falconer-McMaster bill would not accept it under any circumstances because it was drafted by the Anti-Saloon League and an "Attempt has been made to force it down the throat of the Legislature." During the discussion, Stevenson of Garfield declared that every senator who opposed the bill was digging his political grave. Allen of King and Ruth of Thurston represented the remarks and Allen decided he would not vote for it if he was the only man in the senate opposing it. General debate on the bill occurred late this afternoon with the house members crowding the floor and hundreds of spectators in the gallery. Many visitors were turned away. Ruth in a speech on the bill contended that the bill provided for prohibition and not local option. Cotterill of King supported the bill. He closed with a peroration that moved some of his fellow senators to tears.

LIVELY TIME IN NATIONAL CONGRESS

Attempt Made to Abolish Capital Punishment and Regulate Interstate Shipment of Liquors

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Attempt to abolish capital punishment as a penalty under the federal law was today blocked in consideration of the penal code bill in the house sitting in committee of the whole. The most important amendment incorporated in the bill was one to regulate interstate shipments of intoxicating liquors. Representative McCall led the fight against capital punishment and when he was voted down made a point of no quorum. Just before this, by a vote of 27 to 25, the committee had declined to substitute electrocution for hanging as the death punishment. A motion to take a recess was opposed by enemies of the bill and filibuster ensued. The doors were finally closed and the sergeant at

arms was sent after absent members. Nearly two hours later at 7:50 p. m. when Representative Madden answered to roll call, a quorum was secured and the house declared a recess until tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Amendment to the penal code bill regulating the shipment of liquors was brought up by Humphreys. This amendment which is known bill that passed the senate forbids transportation of liquors in interstate commerce unless it is consigned to bona fide consignees and unless the package is labeled plainly with the names of consignee and the exact character of the contents shown. This amendment prohibits shipment of liquor C. O. D. Speaker Cannon took his place on the floor and voted every time with the temperance force.